

REMARKS

Claims 6 - 9 and 11 - 16, 19 - 21, and 24 - 40 are pending. Claim 32 has been amended. Claims 1 - 5, 17, 18, 22, and 23 have been cancelled. No new matter has been introduced. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application are respectfully requested.

In the April 7, 2006 Office Action, the Examiner identified that claims 6 - 9, 11 - 16, 11 - 17, 19 - 21, and 24 - 40 are allowed. Accordingly, the applicants respectfully submit that claims 6 - 9, 11 - 16, 19 - 21, and 24 are in condition for allowance. Claim 32 has been amended for form.

The Examiner rejected claims 1 - 5, 18 - 22, and 23. The applicants have cancelled claims 1 - 5, 18 - 22, and 23. The applicants also cancelled method claim 17 because method claim 17 corresponds to rejected apparatus claim 1.

The applicants have submitted a Information Disclosure Statement and a PTO-1449 form listing references cited in European application which correspond to this U.S. patent application. The applicants provide authorization to charge the Deposit Account 03-3975 for the fee associated with the submission of the Information Disclosure Statement.

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Applicants believe that all of the claims are in condition for allowance, and a favorable action is respectfully requested. If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call either of the undersigned attorneys at the Los Angeles telephone number (213) 488-7100 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance should the Examiner believe that such a telephone conference would advance prosecution of the application.

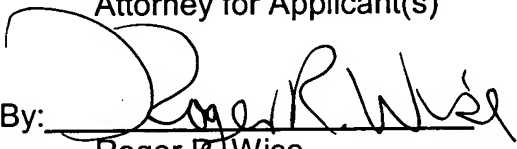
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